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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Martin John Hofmann
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Docket No.: 34516

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

The three-month period for responding to the Office action of April 29, 2004 expired on July 29, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests and petitions that the response period be extended by three months until October 29, 2004. A check for the \$980.00 extension of time fee is enclosed.

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10/28/2004

Date

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Responsive to the Office communication dated April 29, 2004, applicant responds as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.